

ANNOUNCEMENTS For more information, please approach Gladys or Priscilla.

1. Centenary Prayer Guide (Diocese of Singapore)

The Prayer Guide is available at the admin counter. It is free of charge, but free-will contributions are encouraged.

2. Anglican Schools Concert

As part of the Diocesan Centenary celebrations, our 9 Anglican schools are putting up an Anglican Schools Concert. There will be 2 identical performances held on the same day.

Date : Saturday 27 June 2009

Venue : SAJC Cultural Centre

Cost per ticket : S\$30.00 (or free will donation)

All donations will go towards our Anglican schools. Please purchase the tickets at the Admin counter.

3. Playmax

Date: 12 - 13 June 2009

Time: 9AM - 5PM

Venue: St. Andrew's Cathedral

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 07	(Sun)	Ministry Leaders Meeting Confirmation Class #6
12 & 13	(Fri & Sat)	PlayMax
14	(Sun)	Confirmation Class #7
16 - 19	(Tue - Fri)	Family Camp
26	(Fri)	Corporate Prayer Meeting
28	(Sun)	Council Meeting Confirmation Class #8

Any announcements, articles or testimonies to share? Email Gladys @ wacoffice@livingstreams.org.sg

SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE

9.10AM	BOON LAY WAY - BOON LAY MRT (BUS STOP)
9.15AM	JURONG WEST ST 51 BLK 511 CARPARK
9.30AM	CLEMENTI MRT - BUS STOP TOWARDS CITY



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ASSOCIATE VICAR: The Revd Canon Dr Louis Tay
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07 June 2009

THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH PART 2

TO TEACH THE SAVED But you will notice another mission of the church in the last part of that great commission, as stated by Matthew. He said, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." Jesus said, "Teaching them." Who? Teaching those who are baptized, teaching the saved, teaching them to observe all things the Saviour commanded. Thus, Jesus named another mission of the church. When the church has made disciples, then it is the mission of the church to teach them what Jesus wants them to know. It is not enough to teach them the first principles and then leave them to their own devices - they must be taught to observe all things that Jesus commanded. Therefore, teaching the saved is necessary.

When sinners hear the call of the gospel and become Christians, they have faith, but there is something else to be added. Peter said, "And beside this, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness; And to godliness brotherly kindness; and to brotherly kindness charity" (2 Pet 1:5-7).

One of the principal things to be added to the life of a Christian is knowledge. That was essentially what the apostle Paul was talking about when he spoke of "putting on the whole armor of God." He said: "Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness; And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace; Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit" (Eph 6:14-18). All of these things are simply metaphorical references to the word of God. Many Christians are bareheaded and barefooted, so to speak, facing the enemy without defenses because they have no knowledge of the word of God.

How can the church bring about this knowledge of the word of God? First, it is the duty of preachers, teachers, and elders of the church to teach the word of God, and feed the flock. In Acts 20:28, the Ephesians elders were told: "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." The elders are to feed the flock.

In 2 Tim 2:2, Paul told the young preacher, Timothy: "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also."

West Coast Recreation Centre
No. 12 West Coast Walk

Sunday Services

10am - 12pm
English Service @ Auditorium
10am - 12pm
Mandarin Service @ Thanksgiving
10am - 12pm
Children In Action @ Honor

Saturday

3.30pm - 6.30pm
Destiny Impact (Youth) @ Honor

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EVERY MEMBER A FRUIT BEARING DISCIPLE

In other words, the preacher was to teach "faithful men" and these faithful men would likewise teach others.

In Titus 2:1-8, Paul charged the preacher Titus to teach aged men, aged women, young women and young men" their duties in the church. Also, the New Testament makes it clear that each Christian has a responsibility to other Christians. Hebrews 3:12,13 warns: "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. But exhort one another daily, while it is called Today; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin." Therefore, it is the mission of the church to teach its members, and to cause them to be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.

TO PROVIDE A SPIRITUAL ATMOSPHERE It is the mission of the church to provide the kind of place where spiritual life can flourish. The meetings of the church should be the kind of meetings where the spiritual man, the inner man, can be renewed. The services should be orderly and worshipful. The meetings should not be held and conducted with the end in view of simply attracting a great crowd and catering to the wishes and wants of worldly people. It is a great mistake for people to feel that they must put on a show to attract a crowd. Remember, the apostle in speaking of conduct in meetings said: "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Cor 14:40).

It is not necessary to have the most eloquent speaker, or the most entertaining singing to build up the spiritual man. What does matter is to meet with a desire to worship and serve God in spirit and in truth, as Jesus instructed in Jn 4:23,24, and to show genuine love and concern for each other. Jesus said: "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" (John 13:35). Therefore, it should be the duty and mission of every member of the church to make it a place that is warm, friendly, receptive, and encouraging, and to show love for this world, even as Jesus loved the world and gave his life that he might redeem it from sin.

TO REPRODUCE THE CHARACTER OF CHRIST Another mission of the church is to provide in its members the kind of person that Jesus wants to see. The objective of every church is to produce the likeness of Christ in the lives of its members. Is the church doing that for you? Do you have the humility that Jesus manifested while on earth? Do you have the burning zeal and love for men's souls that Jesus had? Can you turn the other cheek and go the second mile as Jesus did, and as Jesus taught that we should do? Do we stand for the things that Jesus taught? The apostle Paul commanded: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus" (Phi 2:5).

That is the purpose of all our worship and work - to reproduce in our own lives the character of Jesus Christ. I once read the story of a preacher who went deep into the interior of China, to a village so remote that they could know very little about modern life. This preacher began to tell the villagers the story of Jesus - how he went about doing good, healing the sick and feeding the hungry, how he lived such an unselfish life in the interest of others, and the people said: "We know that man! He lived in our village." "Oh no," the preacher said, "this man lived in Palestine, and died hundreds of years ago." The people said, "No, this man lived among us. Come, we will show you his grave." With these words, they led the preacher to the grave, and showed him the remaining effects of an English medical doctor, who had "thrown his life away" on this remote village. This man had so exemplified the life of the Christ that when the people heard the story of Jesus, they immediately thought of the doctor.

My friend, that is one of the purposes of the church - to reproduce the character of Jesus in its members. May it be said of every Christian, as it was once said of the apostles long ago, when they were brought in before the authorities, that they "took knowledge of them that they had been with Jesus." There is no argument that can answer that kind of life. If you and I live so that people can take knowledge of us, that we have been with Jesus, that will be the most powerful influence we can ever have for the advancement of truth.

TO BRING JOY TO MANKIND Perhaps it could be said that the all-encompassing mission and purpose of the church is to bring joy and happiness to mankind. Not as the world giveth, but as

God giveth. Why is it that people attend worship? It is not because they are forced to attend. They go because they love to go. David said, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord" (Psalm 122:1). The happiest people I know anywhere are those who attend worship on Sunday morning and are found in their places on Sunday evening and Wednesday night, and at other times. These people are truly happy. Their faces radiate with the love of the Son of God. The Bible records that after the Philippian jailor had been baptized into Christ that he "rejoiced, believing in God with all his house" (Acts 16: 34). When the Ethiopian nobleman was baptized, "he went on his way rejoicing" (Acts 8:39). What is the mission of the church?

Not politics, or social programs, but rather preaching the gospel, teaching the saved, providing a place where Christians can grow and flourish, reproducing the character of Jesus, and bringing true joy and happiness to mankind.

DUTY SCHEDULE

	Today <u>07th June</u>	Next Week <u>14th June (H.C.)</u>
Chairperson	Susy Tan	Raymond Ang
Speaker	Revd Timothy Chow	Revd Timothy Chow
Worship Leader	Joanie Ng	Eddy John Sng
Music Team	Elissa, Astrid, Althea, Jakob, Jethro, Jun Hoong	Jimmy, Tony, James, Carolyn, Adrian, KahMun, Jonathan Kee
Projectionist	Michelle, Violet	Violet, Priscilla
Soundworks	Janice Leow	Eric Matthew Sng
H.C. Server	-	Raymond, Tony, Kevin
Intercessory Prayer	Tony Tay	Eric Matthew Sng
Scripture Reader	David Yong	Annie Kat

WIS-DISCIPLINE-SHIP TRAINING

DATE	PROGRAM
12 June	No WDT
19 June	No WDT
26 June	Corporate Prayer Meeting
03 July	WDT

*Cell groups are suspended till further notice due to WDT. For further enquiries, you may contact the Office at 63376104 ext 188/189 or email wacoffice@livingstreams.org.sg

MISSIONS

MISSIONS FUNDS NEEDED IN 2009	:	S\$20,000
AMOUNT PLEDGED TO DATE	:	S\$\$\$9,610.50
AMOUNT COLLECTED TO DATE	:	S\$7,776.50

PRAY FOR CHRIST CHURCH SAWANG DAENDIN:

Upcoming camp in October. Camp Venue @ Sung Dao.
Targeted number of people: 50 adults and 20 youth.